GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTED MONUMENTS/ CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES OF NORTH EAST INDIA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government is aware that maintenance of Protected Monuments/cultural heritage sites of North-East India is very poor;

(b)if so, the measures taken by the Government for the protection of these protected monuments/cultural heritage sites:

(c)whether the Government is also aware that Mithila Painting and various cultural heritage of Mithilanchal are not flourishing for want of resources and Government's aid; and

(d)if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b)There are 77 centrally protected monuments in the North-East States of India which are properly maintained and preserved by the Archaeological Survey of India. The Archaeological Survey of India undertakes regular conservation and protection works in respect of these monuments, which include annual maintenance, special repairs, chemical preservation and environment development programmes. An expenditure of Rs.156.16 lakhs has been incurred during 2004-05 for the maintenance and conservation of monuments in North-East India.

(c)There is no centrally protected monument in Mithilanchal. The information with regard to Mithila paintings and other cultural heritage is being collected.

(d)Does not arise.